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Kay Adam 251-6903

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83-14(24'11)
Troop 697 Cad. S.J.
Kay Adam 251-2903
photos Amy Chadwick
Jan. 1976
Owner: John Soares & Sons
Calif. Coop Creamery
phone: 258-5763

371A-15(16'12) Winchester Historical Park
Troop 697 Cad. S.J.
Contact Kay Adam 251-6903
Photos Nikki and Jean Adam
4/30/76
Location Winchester Blvd (W) & Hwy 280, S.J.
Contact: Brent Miller, Operations Manager

Site Number 84 Brochure Number 67 Map Page 15 Grids 26'11

Location 2532 Klein Rd./Norwood St., S.J.

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There is grass growing where the tank rests on the tower.

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Uses - house use and irrigating 5 acres out of 25 acres of prunes and apricot orchards.

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Torrez
(#2532 Eastside just
off Klein makes sharp
turn & joins Norwood)
Troop #697 Col. S.F.
Kay Adam 251-6903
Interview April 1976
Photo - earlier in year

Site Number 85 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 15 Grids 25'10

Location Clayton Rd./Story Lane, S.J.

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857-15 (25'10)
same place - Barry
Troop 697 Oct. 5.8.
Jean Adam plus Troop. Nov. 1975
dated: Kay Adam 25.1-6903
Barry: - Barry
no info about past
located at first rt. L turn on
Story Lane nearest Clayton Rd.

Site Number 86 Brochure Number 63 Map Page 15 Grids 26'10

Location 2253 Mt. Pleasant Rd., S.J.

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The windmill next to the tank house is no longer there.

Water used for the house only and didn't irrigate the hillside orchards.

The owner hopes to make a bedroom out of the tank house.

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253 Mt. Pleasant Rd. (N.)
dr. Westview Dr. and East Valley Ct.
Reiswig (earlier
owners were Klein and Anderson)
Info: Mrs. Periera (238-0368)
86-15 (26'/10)
Photo by (early 1976)
Amy Chadwick
Troop 697 Cad. S.J.
Contact: Kay Adam 251-6963

Site Number 87 Brochure Number (41) Map Page 13 Grids 16'12

Location Winchester Blvd. & Hwy. 280, S.J. (Winchester Mystery House area)

Description:

The Winchester tank house in the historical Winchester Park is now owned by the State of California.

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Historically - When Sarah purchased land and original farm, there was a tank house and tank in use. She incorporated the original farm buildings (plus the water tank and tower) into her building. The tank was located inside the nearest wall facing the present gazebo. Unfortunately, the tank house was burned.

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Historical Park
Troop 697 Cad. Spj.
Contact: Kay Adam
251-6903
Photos: N. K. Ki and
4/30/76 Jean Adam
Location: Winchester Blvd. @
and Hwy. 280, S.J.
Contact: Brent Miller
Operations Manager





87c-13(16/12) Winchester Historical Park
Troop 697 Cad. S.J.
Contact: Kay Adam 251-6903
Photos: Nikki and Jean Adam
4/30/76
Location: Winchester Blvd. (W) + Hwy 280, S.J.
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Operations Manager

87f-13(16/12) Winchester Historical Park
Troop 697 Cad. S.J.
Contact: Kay Adam 251-6903
Photos: Nikki + Jean Adam
4/30/76
Location: Winchester Blvd. + Hwy. 280
(west side) San Jose
Contact: Brent Miller
Operations manager

87d-13(16/12) Winchester Historical Park
Troop 697 Cad. S.J.
Contact: Kay Adam 251-6903
Photos: ~~Nikki~~ Nikki + Jean Adam
4/30/76
Location: Winchester Blvd. (W) + Hwy 280, S.J.
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Site Number 89 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 18 Grids 16'13

Location n.w. corner of Payne & Winchester, S.J. GONE by 1976.

Description:

Water color painting - "Time of Cherry Blossoms" by Jean Sorensen, has been donated by the artist, to the project.

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23160 Mora Glen Dr.
Los Altos, CA 94022
1970
Now gone. Replaced by 7/11 + Liquor store
NW corner of Payne and Winchester, S.J.
89-18 (16'/13)
Donated to project by site

Site Number 88 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 13 Grids 15'10

Location north side of El Camino Real almost opposite Cinema 150 betw.
Description: "Weinerschnitzel" and "Red Barn", near Kiely Blvd.
in Santa Clara.

GONE/1976

The color photo of watercolor "El Camino Windmill"
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EL CAMINO WINDMILL 22x30
© Copyright 1969 by Jean Sorensen
Donated to project
by artist
23160 Muir, Kelley Dr.
Los Altos, Calif.
94022
Gone. Was north of El Camino almost opposite
Cinema 150 between "Weinerschnitzel" and
"Red Barn" in Santa Clara near Kiely Blvd.
88-13(15/10)

Site Number 90 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 7 Grids 10'5

Location Moffett Field

Description:

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Recorder Phyllis Larsen



View of west side showing out buildings.

Site Number 90 Brochure Number () Map Page 7 Grids 10'5

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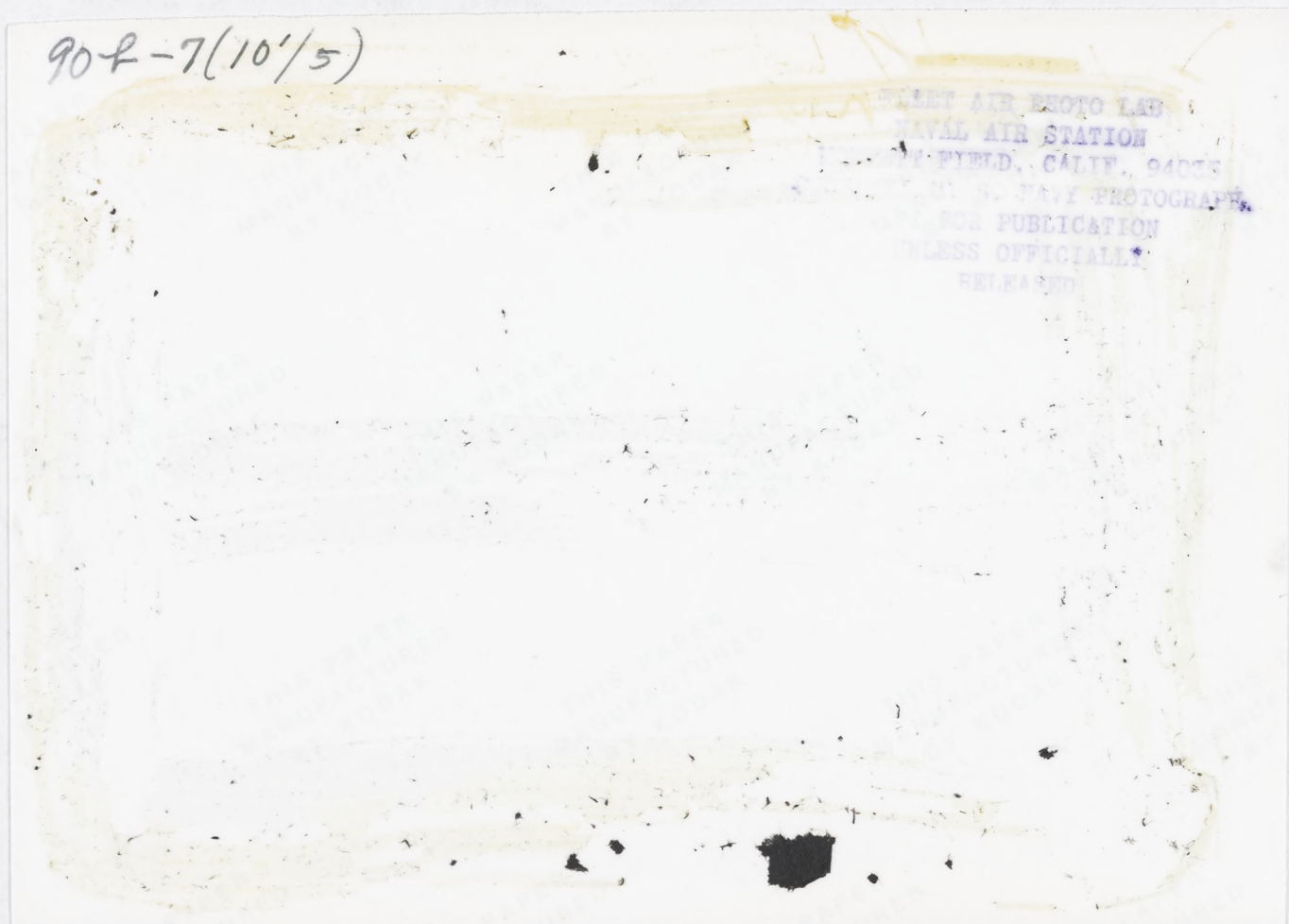
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Water Tower and Attached Bldg.



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Landmark Destroyed By Blaze

MOFFETT FIELD — The old Theuerkauf House, once saved from the wrecker's ball because of historical significance, was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon.

Moffett Field Naval Air Station fire units received the first alarm at about 4:30 p.m., the base information office reported, and called for mutual aid assistance from Mountain View.

But the fire had spread to interior walls and fills and couldn't safely be brought under control because of the threat to fire fighters and adjacent housing, the base reported.

Heavy equipment was called in to demolish the building, section by section, extinguishing the blaze.

No damage was reported to adjacent housing, and no firemen were injured.

Cause of the fire was unknown and remained under investigation Wednesday night.

The house was on a narrow strip of land just outside air station

gate between the Orion Park and Moffett Homes Naval housing projects.

The Navy acquired the house in 1965 through an exchange of property with Sunnyvale.

Fred A. Theuerkauf, a leading area pioneer who was living in the old farmhouse, retained a life interest in part of the property until he died in 1974, when the Navy took possession of the house.

The structure was slated for destruction in July, 1974, but the Navy withheld demolition until the significance of the structure was

unearthed because of local interest in the house as a possible historical site.

In September, 1975, the National Park Service indicated the house was eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historical Places.

The park service felt the property was significant because it was one of the last remnants of an early Northern Santa Clara County community.

No final plans for the house's fate had been made at the time of the fire.

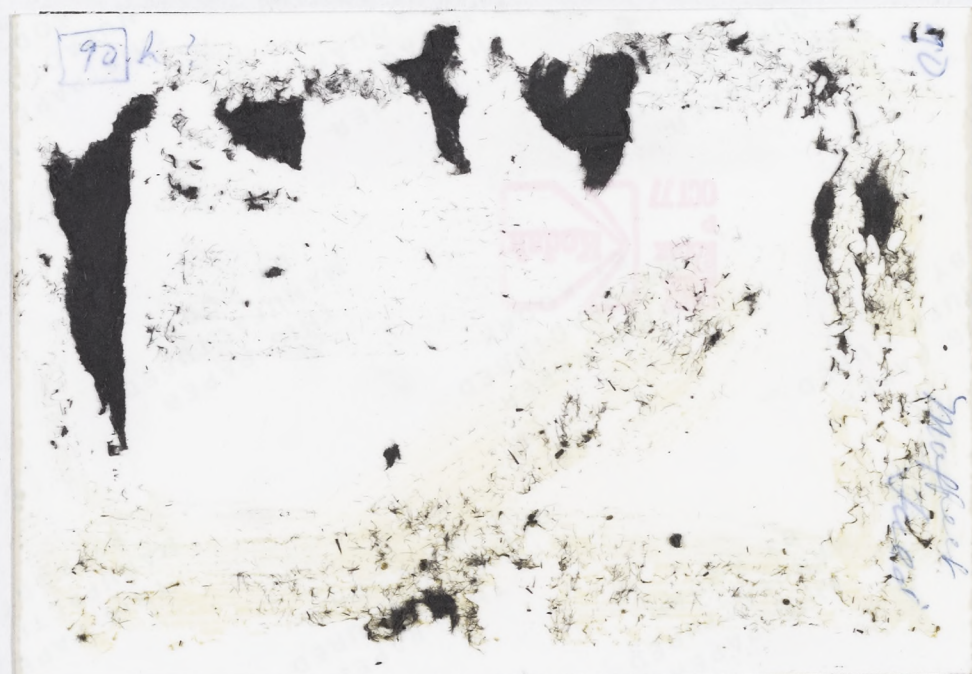


HISTORIC RUINS — Heavy equipment is used to pile up ruins of the historic Theuerkauf House Thursday after blaze which destroyed it the day

before. Located at Moffett Field, the house was the target of a historical preservation campaign.

—Staff Photo by Tom Williams





The Mercury ^{N5}

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SAN JOSE, CALIF., FRIDAY, JULY 9, 1976

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Navy Blamed For 'Allowing' House To Burn

By DALE F. MEAD

Staff Writer

MOFFETT FIELD — The Navy appears to have been in "flagrant dereliction of their public duty" in allowing the historic Theuerkauf House to burn down, an angry county historical commission officer said Thursday.

"I'm really mad," said Dorothy Gray, preservation chairwoman for the Historic Heritage Commission, upon hearing that the historic farmhouse was found in flames Wednesday and demolished by fire crews.

She and other historical heritage advocates had been waging a campaign with Navy officials for two years to have the house preserved after learning the structure was due for demolition.

Officials so far believe the blaze was started by children playing with matches in the old house.

"It's a toss-up whether the City of San Jose or the officers of Moffett Field should receive an award

for subverting the Bicentennial," said the irate official.

Her reference to San Jose alluded to the city's foul-up last January, leading to the damaging of the Murphy House before officials had completed hearings on its historical value.

"We understood the Navy had taken steps to accord the property proper protection and recognition," she said.

She also criticized the use of heavy equipment to demolish sections of the house to fight the fire, calling it "a very crude firefighting technique."

"My recollection of the property is such that I would have thought ample room was available for them to control the fire without knocking the house down," she said.

The structure, former home of Frederick Theuerkauf, was estimated in age at about 110 to 115 years by some historians, although the Navy placed its age at about 80 years.

The property was acquired by the Navy in 1965 in an exchange of property with Sunnyvale, and Theuerkauf, a leading pioneer figure in the area, was allowed to live in the farmhouse until his death in 1974.

It was a few months after his death that The Mercury heard of demolition plans and informed historical leaders, who launched a campaign to delay demolition and establish the historical value of the structure.

They called on the Navy to cooperate on the basis of a Presidential executive order requiring federal agencies to survey, preserve and protect historical structures, Mrs. Gray said.

By 1975 the campaign reached the stage where the National Park Service ruled the house eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historical Places.

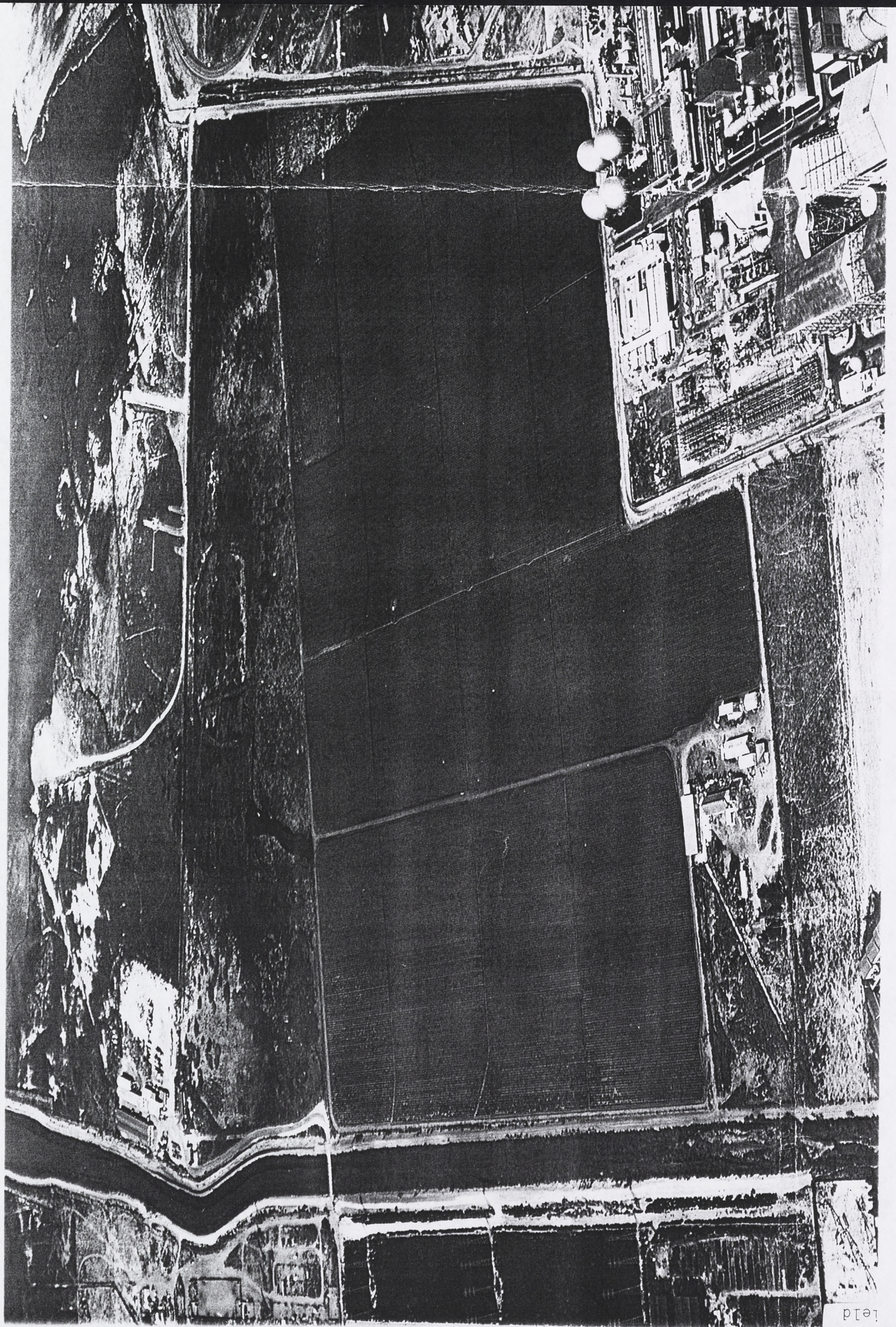
More recently, a group of Navy petty officers approached Navy brass at Moffett Field about improving the property to use as a park, with one option to renovate the house and turn it into a clubhouse.

Another option under discussion was moving the house to preserve it. But that plan lacked funding.

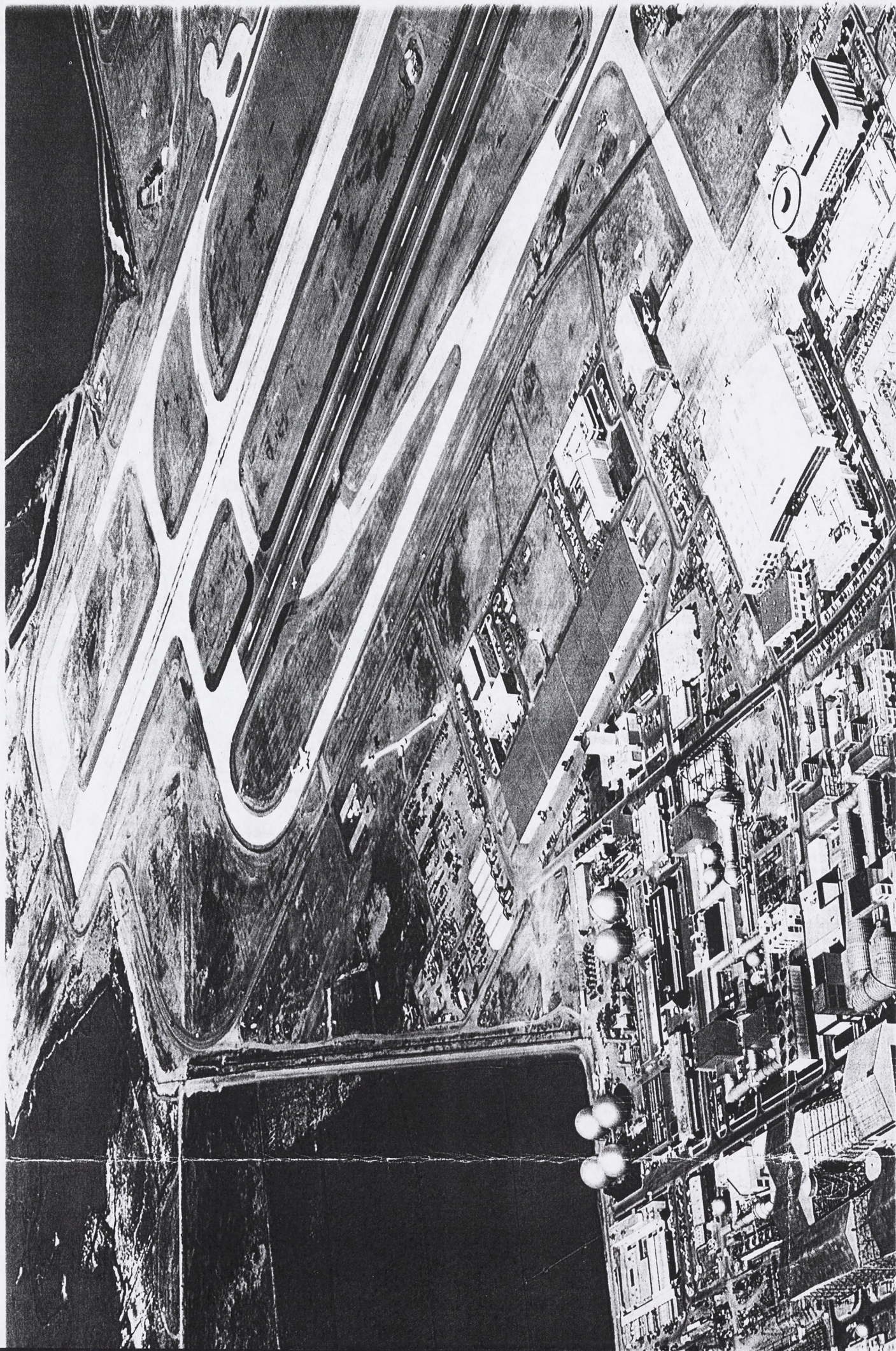


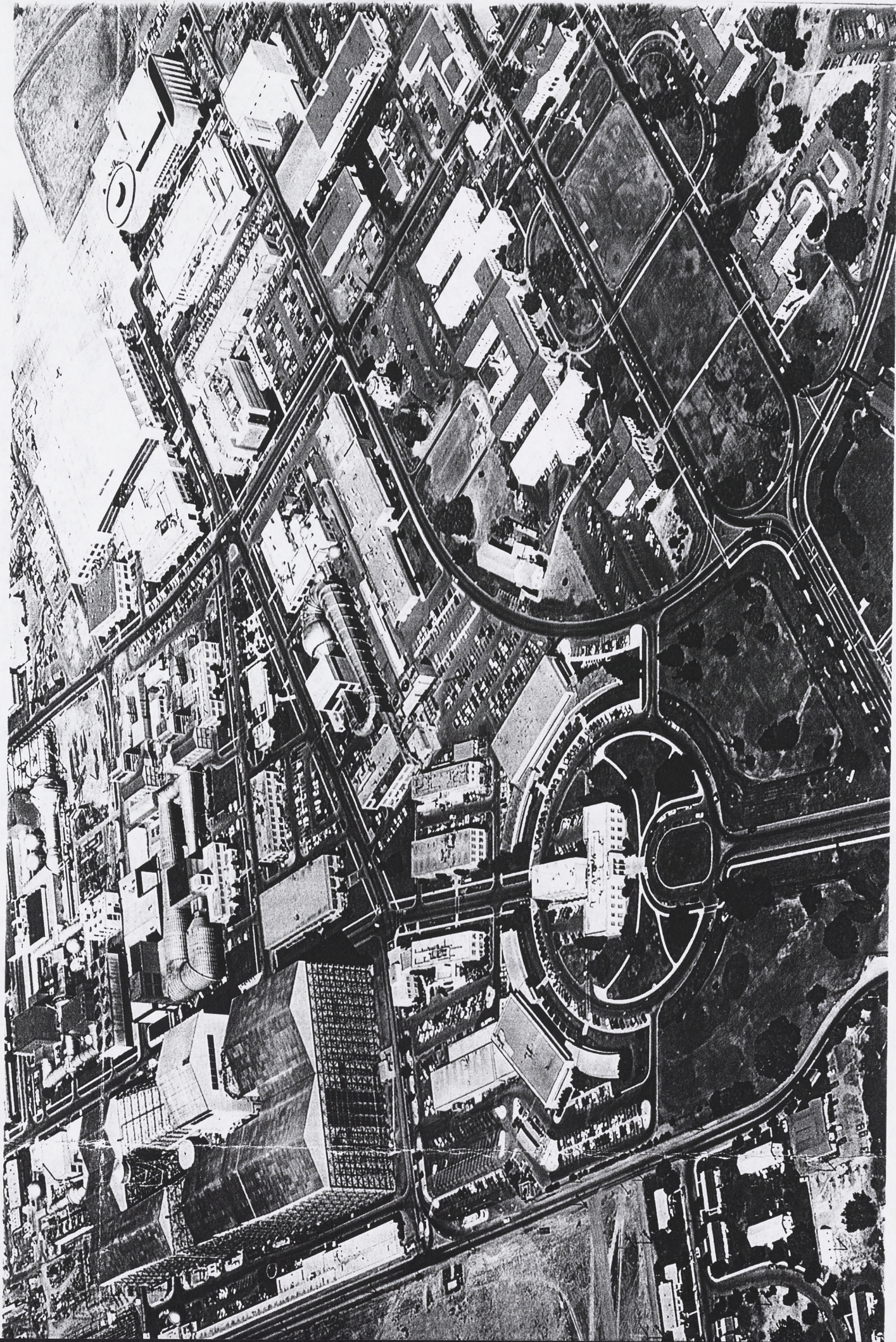
UP IN FLAMES — Flames engulf the historic Theuerkauf House at Moffett Field in photos of Wednesday blaze that destroyed the structure. A county historical commissioner

has accused the Navy of negligence in allowing the fire to break out.















90-7(101/5)
Theuerkauf towerhouse
and "Richardson - Theuerkauf
towerhouse" - Mtn. View
in very elevated landscape.

Site Number 91 Brochure Number (4) Map Page 6 Grids 4.5

Location 2340 Columbia, Palo Alto

Description:

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Obviously it was added on to when it ceased to be a water tower and was turned into a dwelling. Notice the little shingle shades above the windows and white trim.

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Columbia m. College
Palo Alto
on north side
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Frances Fulton } Troop
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Frances Fulton } Troop 386
Darle Maveety, ldr. }
source of information
Mrs. Dawes College Ave
Palo Alto

91-6 (4/15) 25 May 1996
2240 Columbia m. College Ave
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from south side
Leila Rachlin }
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source of information Mrs. Dawes
College Ave

Site Number 92 Brochure Number (11) Map Page 7 Grids 9'6

Location 944 San Leandro, between Terra Bella Ave. & San Pablo Dr.,
Mountain View

Description:

A windmill and water tank built in May, 1936.

The tower is 8.5' deep and holds 3,000 gals. The windmill is 45' tall. The reason why the water tower was built where it was is because Mrs. Siebeneicher's husband thought it was a convenient place and it wouldn't get in the way. Since the windmill and water tank have been built, they have never been damaged, and have overflowed many times.

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The original and only owner is Mr. & Mrs. Siebeneicher.

Person interviewed: Mrs. Siebeneicher, approx. June 23, 1976.

Recorder Troop 752



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Denise Posenbaum 21 April 1976
Troop 752 Jr. - San Jose
Windmill and Water
Tower 92a-7(9'6)
~~944~~ 944 San Leandro
Mountain View (W)
betw. Terra Bella Ave. & San Pablo Dr.
Owner: Mrs. _____ Siebeneicher
Troop Contact: Sue Close 257-2832

Troop 752 Jr. - San Jose
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Troop contact: Sue Close 257-2832

Site Number 94 Brochure Number 92 Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location n.w. corner of Almaden Rd. (Expy.) & McKean Rd., S.J.

Description:

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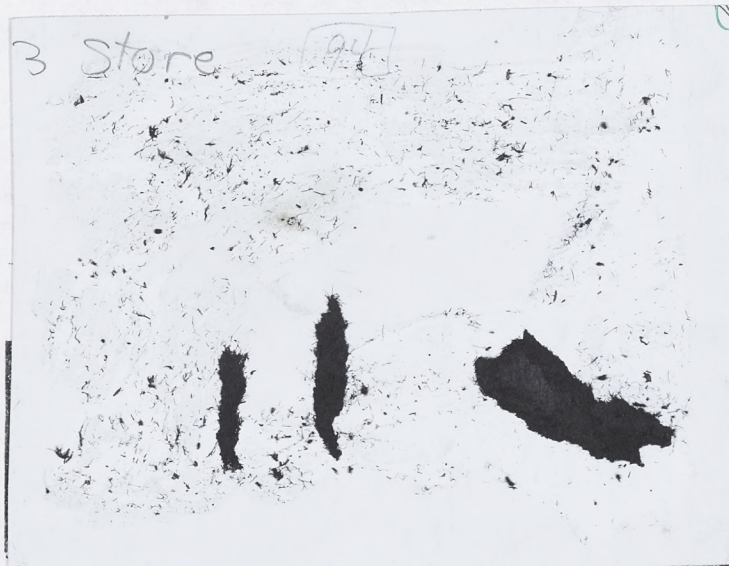
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Site Number 93 Brochure Number 10 Map Page 2 Grids 2'2

Location Almond Ave. & Doud Dr., Los Altos

Description:

This tank house with buildings was built approximately 1915.

The barn and straight-sided tank house are all attached.

The tank house has been used as a playhouse for children and in 1951 it was turned into a residence.

Recorder Troop 1044



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Recorder Troop 1044

93a-7 () 9/175
S. Riegner
Troop 1044 Br. Los Altos
Contact: Susie Riegner 941-3402
Owner:
Location:

93b-7 () 9/175
S. Riegner
Troop 1044 Br. Los Altos
Contact: Susie Riegner 941-3402
Owner:
Location:

Site Number 95 Brochure Number (78) Map Page 19 Grids 19'16

Location 3032 Jarvis, N.J.

Description: This attractive tank house has been remodeled and is now a residence.

The windmill was painted red, white and blue.

Original owner-unknown, but has been used by the present owner for 26 years. The home nearby is of Mediterranean-styling, and the land is an orchard area.

Person interviewed: Mary Garaco, Jan. 22, 1976.

Recorder Troop 608



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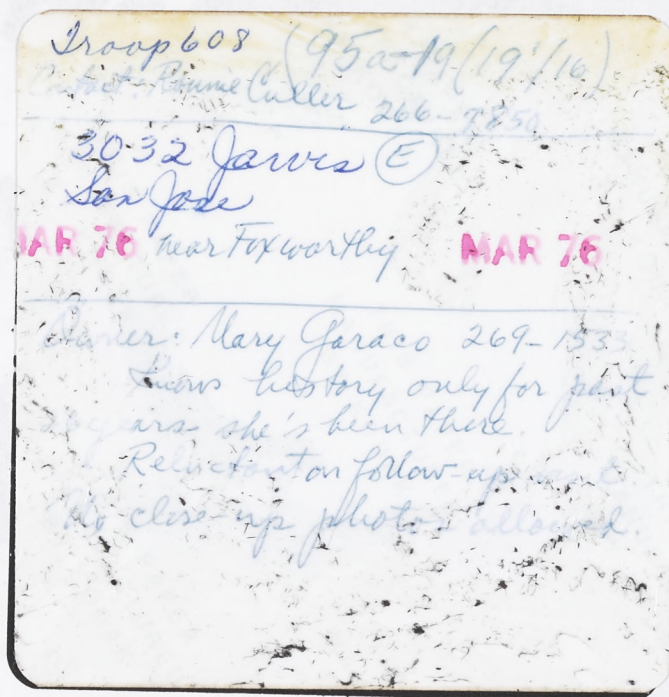
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Recorder Troop 608



Site Number 96 Brochure Number (50) Map Page 18 Grids 18'15

Location 140 Peter Dr., near Bent Dr., S.J.

Description:

A windmill built in 1906, moved from Gilroy from the old Parrish Ranch. The tank house nearby has been rebuilt, (at one time it supplied water for the farm,) by granddaughter, (Mrs. R. Podesta) who lives at this site. She bought original Leigh farm house and resides there.

This family resides at the original "Leigh farm" home. This house dates back to 1850. The land is extremely interesting relating to the Santa Clara Co. history. The families owning property have interesting historical backgrounds. (Could see the glow of San Francisco fires of 1906)



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Lori Wetzel Br. 503
April 27, 1976
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In The Heart Of 'Willows' Pg. 3 of 196

By MARJORIE PIERCE

Hidden in the heart of what was once known as the Willows on an acre of land is the 125-year-old country house of Hilles and Bob Podesta. For almost 100 years it was in the family of Hugh Alexander Leigh for whom Leigh Avenue was named.

The Thompson-West Atlas of 1876 shows it covered 164 acres, was joined by the Hicks, Rucker and Hanchett parcels of land and the southern border to be the "Old Chanel Los Gatos," now known as Dry Creek Road. In the 1860's the farmers had taken so much water from it for their crops, it changed its course.

A pleasing reminder of Santa Clara Valley of another era, the white frame Victorian house with green shutters has a covered porch on two sides of the house.

Forming a screen from the street (the house is three stories on this side) is an enormous bay tree whose trunk is eight to ten feet in diameter and is believed to be the largest west of the Mississippi. Across the front is a white picket fence.

Hints Of History

Calling on the Podestas is George M. Leigh who was born and reared in this house and lives nearby on Leigh Avenue. He tells us that the milk house to the right of the entrance is the oldest building on the property.

As he points out the four corner posts hand hewn from trunks of trees with axes he says that no one knows who built it or how old it is. "We used to call it the 'pigeon shed' when we were kids because it had holes in the top part."

Hilles Podesta adds that when it was partially burned a few years ago, they discovered the interior construction was all of crudely cut branches.

She adds that it is believed that this was a watering place for the Spaniards on their way from Santa Cruz to Santa Clara Mission—that as the crow flies it's in a straight line. "There used to be a creek bed here, but it has changed its course."

Nearby is a hand water pump, a large windmill and the carriage house. On the upper portion of the front of the building is a sign, the Parrishes,

from the Gilroy ranch of Hilles' parents, "Oak Spring Farm."

About The House

The front part of the house George tells us was on the property when his family purchased it in the early 1870's. Showing us early pictures of the house he says it was originally built on the ground, Spanish style. "My father raised it up when he added the new part in 1891 or '92.

Pointing to the upstairs corner on the left, he says "I was born in that room in 1895. In the earthquake of 1906 I remember running up three steps to the new part of the house and hiding under a bed."

The Podestas invite us into the living room for refreshments. The doorways and sash windows of wavy old glass have wide grooved frames with a medallion design in each corner. The woods are all pine or redwood excepting for the floors which are fir. The fireplace (one of five in the house) has tiles around the opening and a carved facade.

Angling out like a modified bay window in the front wall is a leaded glass diamond-shaped window in red and gold. We are told that when the sun streams in the morning everything takes on an aura of red and gold.

Once kerosene and then gas, the light fixtures are all the original. Leigh says there used to be a chandelier from the ceiling of colored glass and that the glass panel of the front door was stained glass.

Every Week

As we take a tour of the house which, incidentally, forms a circle, George shows us where the wood stove was in the kitchen, saying that in back of it was a boiler—that they would pour hot water from it into a round tin tub and he would take his bath in the center of the kitchen floor.

Another story he tells of his childhood in the country is of the Inter-Urban Railway coming to Hamilton Avenue in 1904. "I saddled up my pony and rode over to see it arrive. When the pony saw the big red car he turned and ran all the way back to the barn."

About The Family

Delving deeper into the Leigh family story we learn that George's grandfather and great-grandfather were born on the Isle of Jersey near the coast of France and were both physicians in the service of the English military.

His great-grandfather took care of Napoleon at one time. "The only thing I have of his" he says, "is a ring he got in Russia given to him by Napoleon."

This house was lived in by George's sister, Hughie Leigh Cross until her death in 1969. Hilles says that when she bought the house many mementoes from Napoleon were still



Robert Podesta

there including his bathtub which he used for traveling.

In referring to his father, Leigh says, "I guess my dad was kind of wild. In those days they had training ships that they put boys on.

"When he got to San Francisco and landed near where the Palace Hotel is now in 1872 he skipped ship, headed south until he came to Mountain View where a family took him in.

Then he saw this property and fell in love with it. He wrote to his mother (his father meanwhile had died) and being her only living son, she bought it for him for \$16,000. He farmed it and planted orchards.

It was owned by John Gueraz, a native of Switzerland who crossed the plains in 1850. His daughter, Louise Guerraz, married Socrates Kirk, an early day orchardist. Their home was at the head of Hicks Avenue.

"My grandmother, Delicia Godfrey Leigh, he says "came over from England—lived at

the St. James Hotel for a year (James Clayton Sr. was there at the same time) and my mother took care of her in this house until she died in 1904."

Birthday Party

The Podestas only concession to modernity on the property is the swimming pool and tennis court on one side.

Around this pool Hilles gave a surprise birthday party for her

husband. Most of their combined 11 children and spouses of those married were present—as well as Bob's parents, the Edward Podestas attended.

In addition to completely surprising Bob, there was another reason to celebrate—the announcement of the engagement of his daughter, Patty, to Ken Machado Jr. His parents, the Kenneth Machados, were among the 45 guests present and drinking a champagne toast to the couple.



Old Ranch Windmill

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Podesta with George Leigh



Country House—152 years old

Site Number 97 Brochure Number 90 Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

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The 1st floor has 1 bedroom, 1 kitchen, living room, family room, closed-in front porch and mostly enclosed back porch. There is an old stove in the kitchen.

The 2nd floor and 3rd floor had 1 bedroom each.

Walls were wallpapered in material. Most of the furniture is from Europe. One piece of American furniture is a roll-top desk. The buffet is from France and is approximately 200 years old.

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Location s. side of Evelyn Ave., almost to Bidwell Ave., Sunnyvale

Description:

This white tank house is on the same large lot as an old white house and apricot orchard.

It is complete except for the tank.



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Location Sunnyvale-Saratoga Rd., near Homestead Rd., Cupertino

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Site Number 101 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 7 Grids 10'7

Location 231 N. Whisman. Mountain View (novelty-see below)

Description: Novelty - not a water tower. It is used to illustrate how conscious one becomes of towers of any kind once one starts looking.

This structure, is the Mountain View Municipal Operations Center.

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Location Moffett Field

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Site Number 103 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 14 Grids 19'10

Location Behind 693 N 2nd, S.J. (seen across empty lot)

Description:

This dark green tank house near Taylor, can also be seen a little south of a large, old house located at 692 N 1st.

A young boy there says that it is a "bicentennial house" with all oak-floors and other old things.

Site Number 105 Brochure Number (16) Map Page 7 Grids 9'7

Location e. side of Easy St., betw. Gladys & Central Expswy., Mountain
View

Description: A roofed tank house with tank. The lower part
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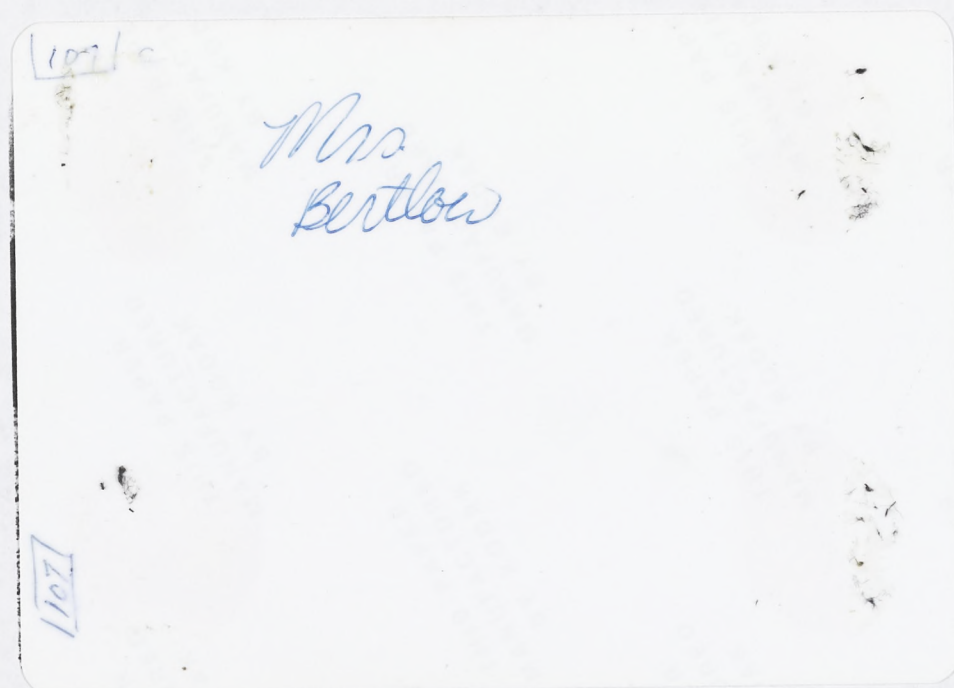
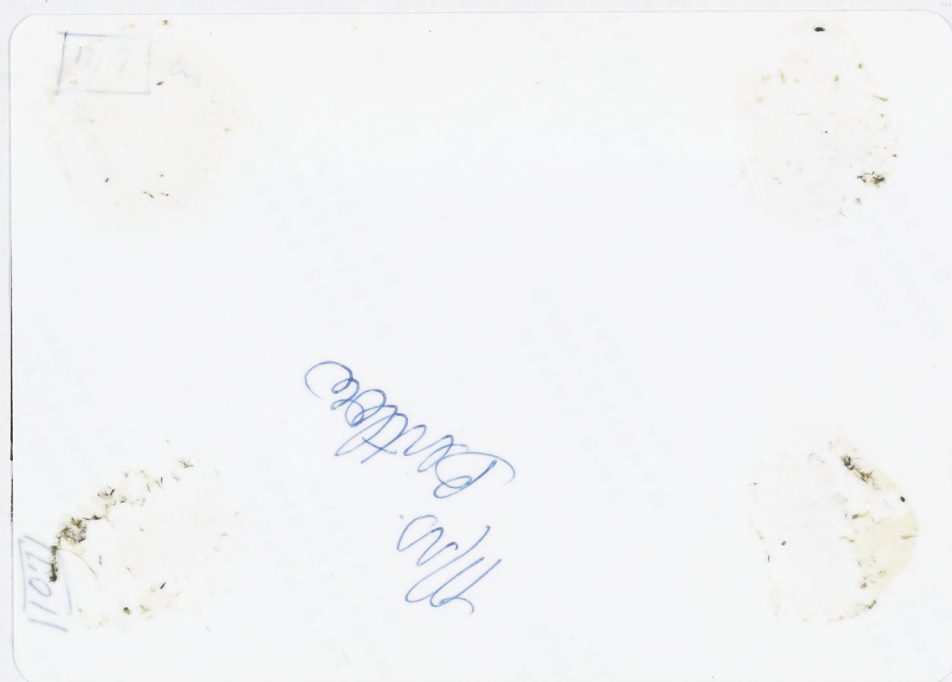
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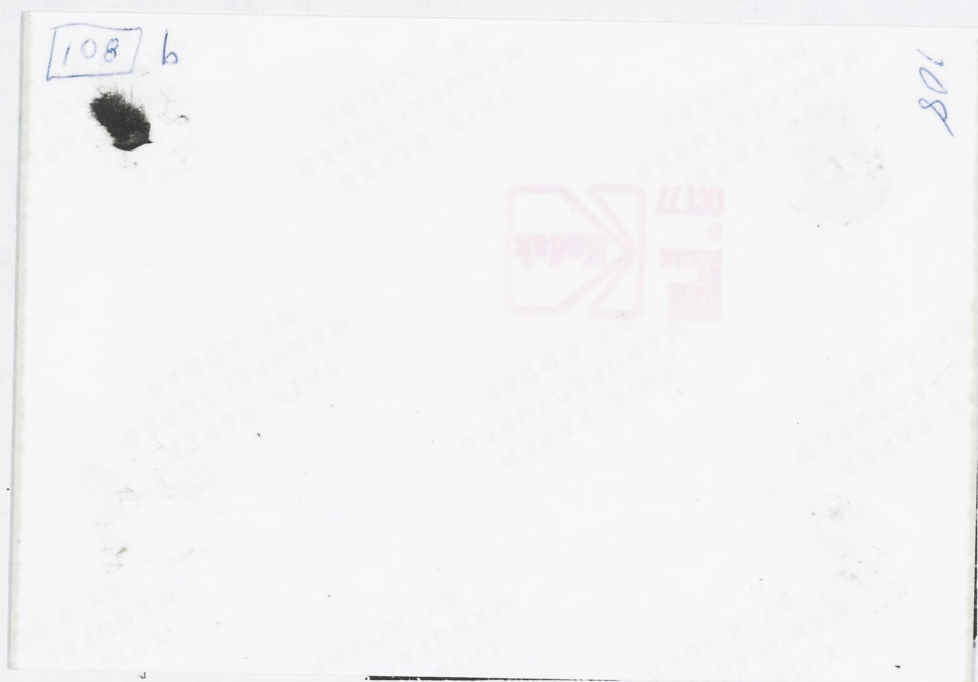
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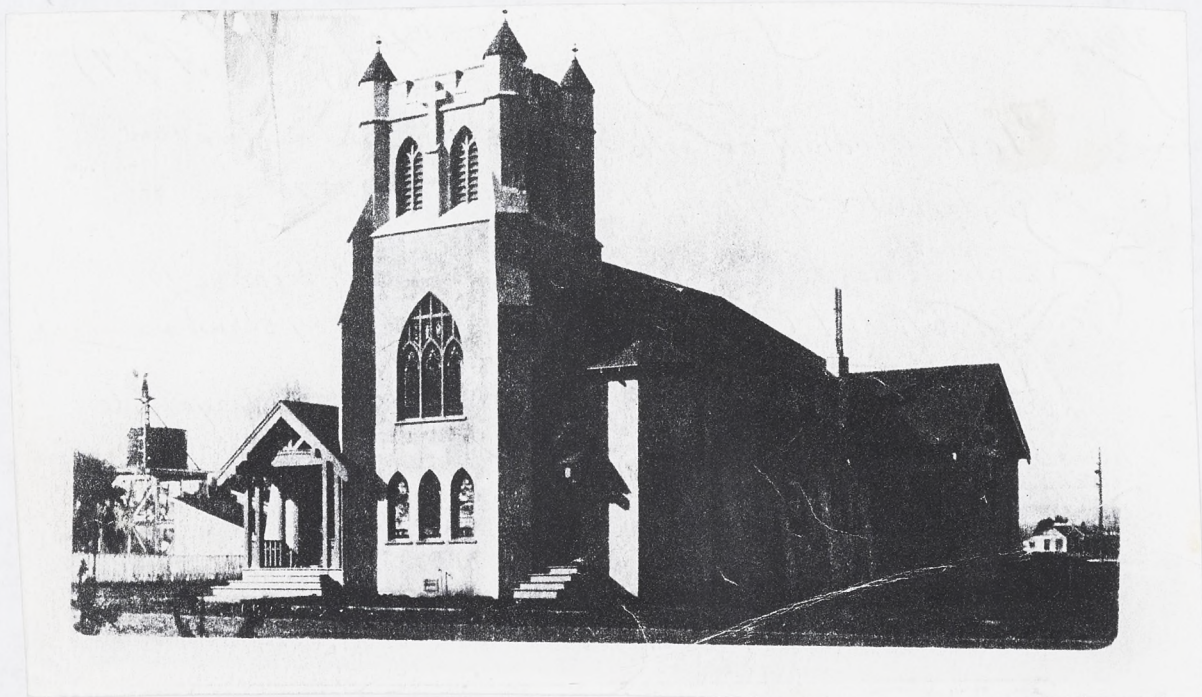
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Contributed by Glenn W. Wilson 967-2820

Picture was taken c. 1911 or soon thereafter because 1911
Trinity Methodist Church still did not have any shrubs.

Location Castro & Mercy opposite present 12-story office
building. Windmill & tank stood on what is now the
parking lot of Home Savings and Loan Co.

Believed not taken down until after WWII but before 1960.

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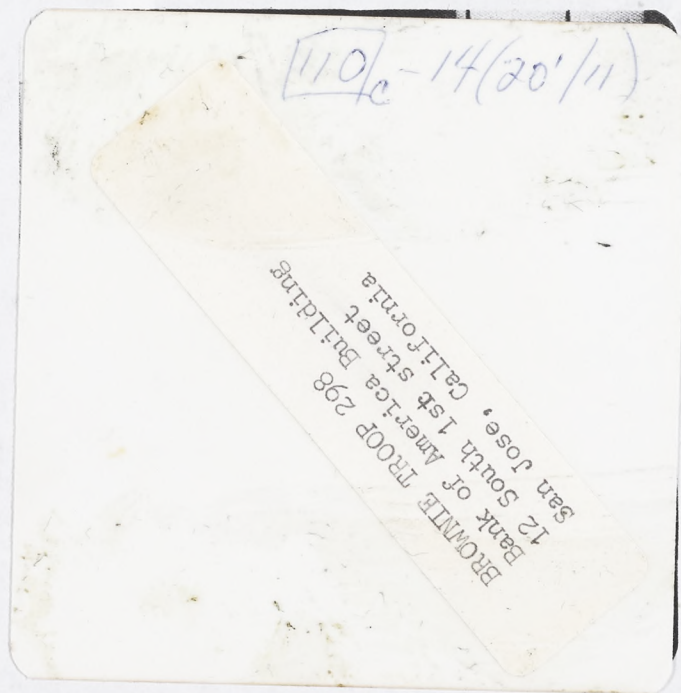
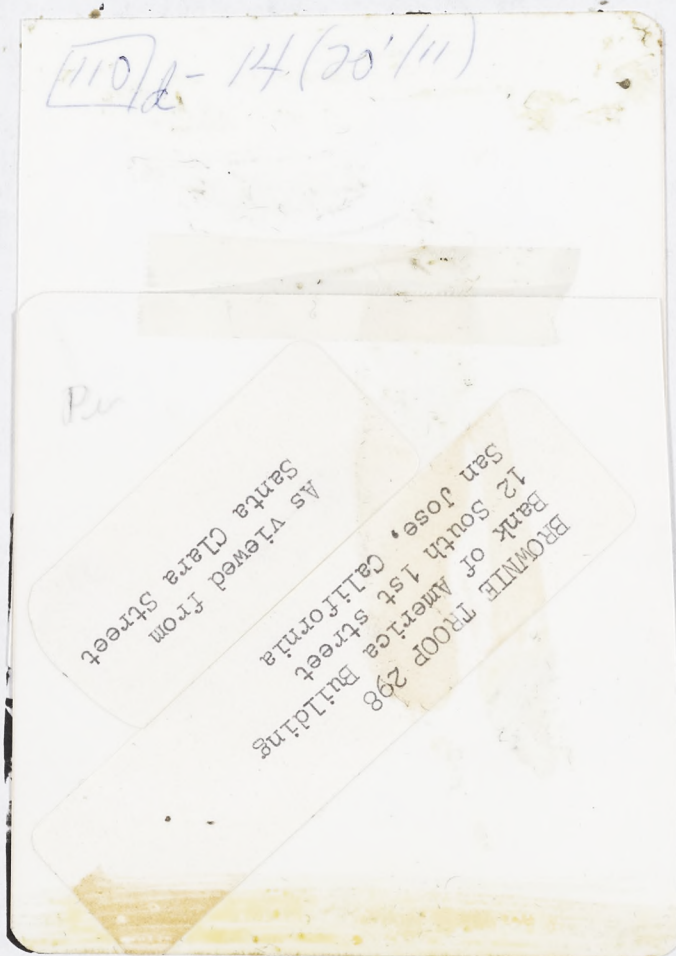
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De Vargas School.

Description:

"C. D. Pond's" tank house.

It was built in 1884 and used to be a dairy on the 1st floor; now fruit storage. There are rooms above the first level.

The house, tankhouse and grounds around are beautifully kept.

Recorder Phyllis Larsen



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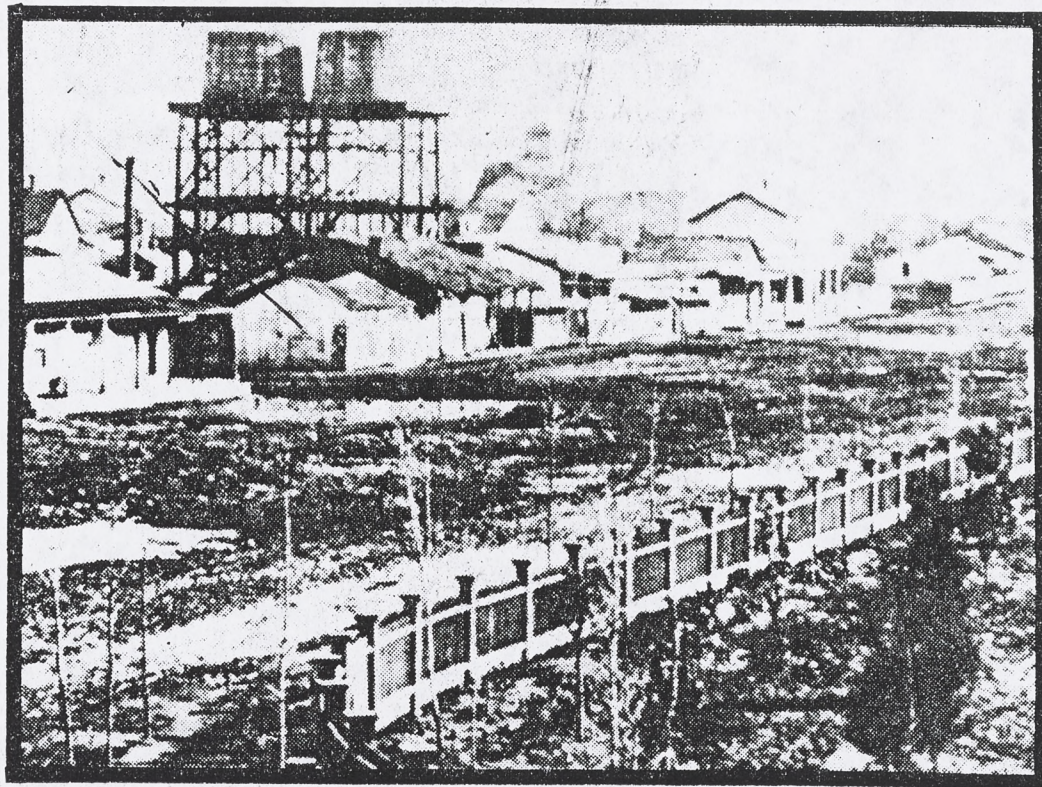
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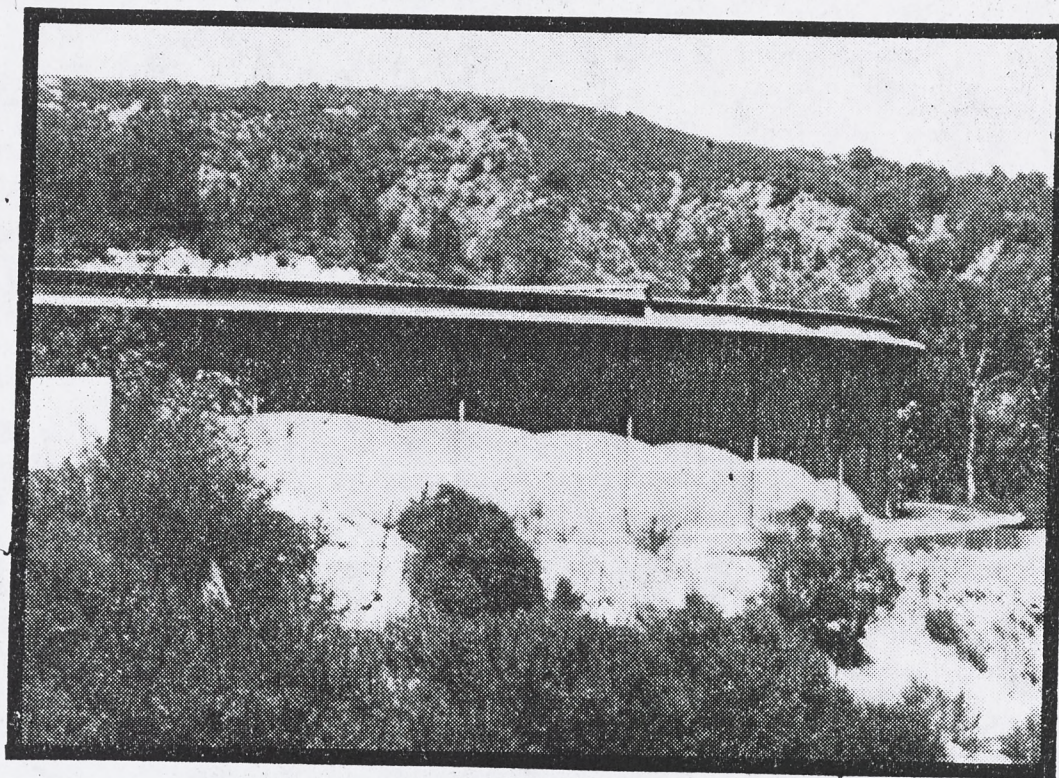


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SAN JOSE'S FIRST WATER COMPANY

1976



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When San Jose Water Works began in 1866, water storage was limited to two wooden tanks located in the center of town. Today our many modern storage facilities are located throughout the system and have a combined storage capacity of over 2 billion gallons. This is but one example of our history of progress.

This year San Jose Water Works, the oldest privately owned water utility in California, and the first to serve San Jose, celebrates its 110th Anniversary. During this long period of service, the number of customers has increased from a handful along First Street to more than 160,000 spread over 130 square miles.

Each year since our founding we have planned ahead for a growing community. In 1976, as in 1866, we still look to the future.

San Jose Water Works

374 West Santa Clara Street, San Jose

FOUNDED 1866

Site Number 114 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 26 Grids 20'17

Location Branham Lane across from John Muir Jr. High School, S.J.

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A water tower, by a few buildings and a small old house. It has a beautiful oak tree nearby.

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Site Number 115 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 25 Grids 14'19

Location: 224 Wilder Ave., Los Gatos

Description: An old unused tank house renovated for use as a classroom. See article from the "Los Gatos Times and Saratoga Observer of Jan. 28, 1975."
It is on the campus of the Mark Twain High School.



CONSTRUCTION CREW

— Students at Mark Twain High School are literally building their school up, and getting course credit for it. As part of an industrial arts class, taught by Wayne Strong (right), the students are renovating an old unused tank house to be used as an English and social studies classroom by faculty member Bert Pfister. The tank house is located

behind the house on Wilder Avenue which serves as the Mark Twain campus. Pictured from left to right are: students Don Barclay, Red Thompson (front), Steve Graves (behind) Richard Brennan and Tim August; and Santa Clara County Probation Officer Dave Bonillas, Mark Twain Principal Dr. Jack Lucas, and teacher Wayne Strong.

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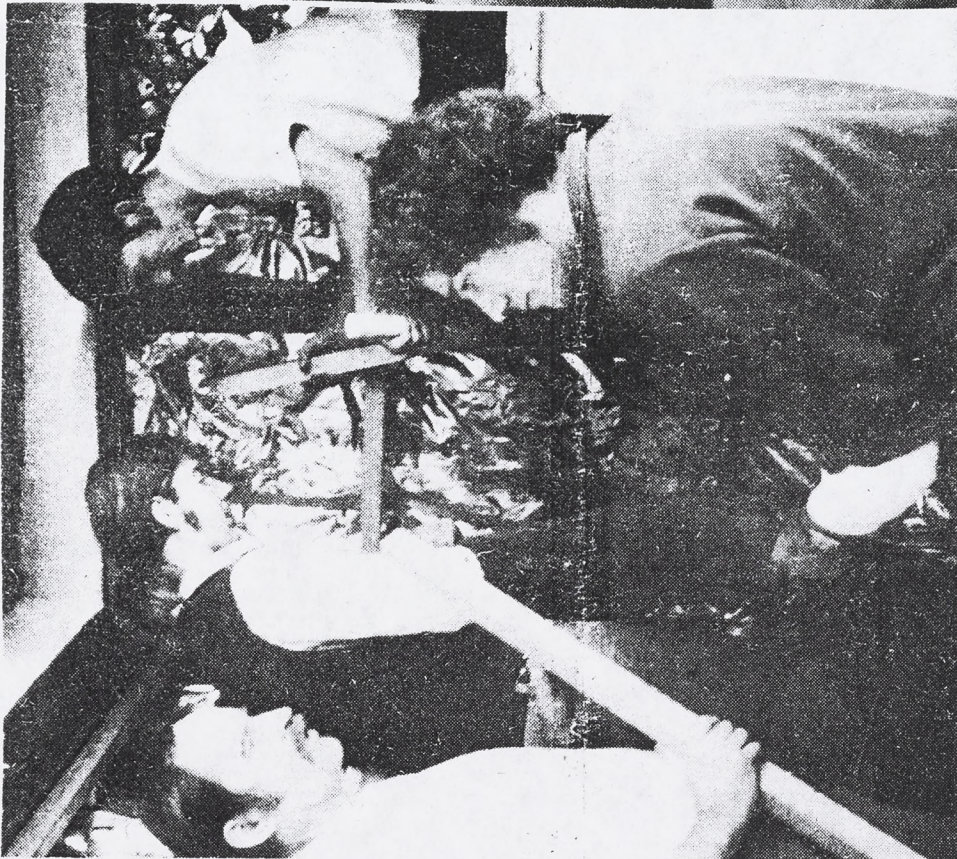
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WORKING TOGETHER
— Spending a day with the tank house crew, Probation Officer Dave Bonillas gives an assist as students Richard Brennan (left) and Tim August (right) work on the electrical fittings for the new classroom. Principal Dr. Jack Lucas says he is hopeful that the tank house will be ready for classroom use by early February.



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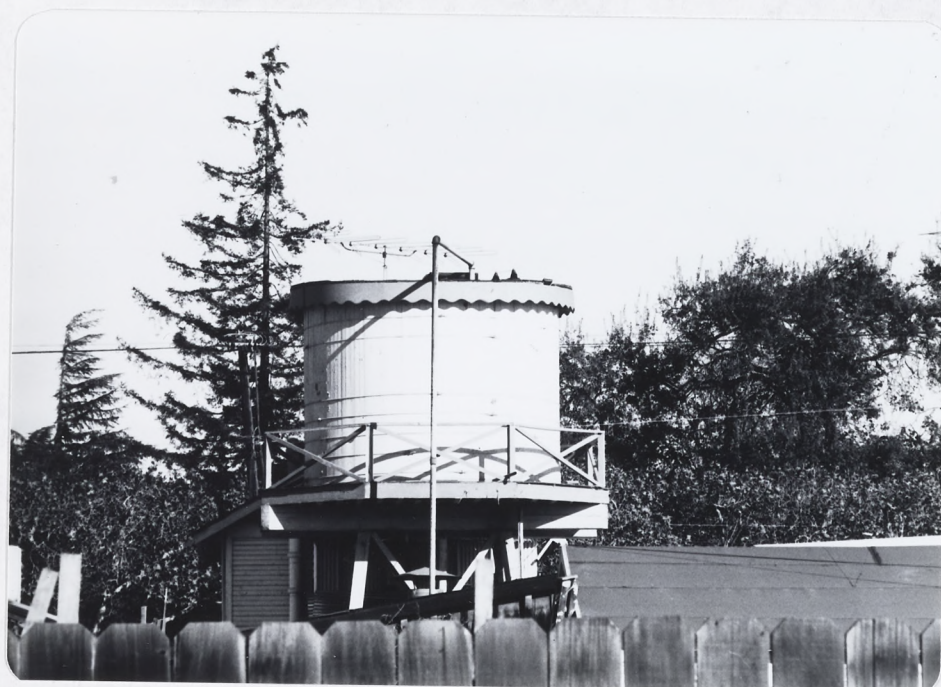
FOUNDATIONS — Installing furring strips for the wall siding are (left to right) Dr. Jack Lucas, Don Barclay, teacher Wayne Strong, and Steve Graves (foreground). The wood for restoring the

Site Number 116 Brochure Number (3) Map Page 14 Grids 20'10

Location w. side of 13th St., betw. Empire & Jackson, S.J.

Description:

A water tower which is part of a laundry operation.



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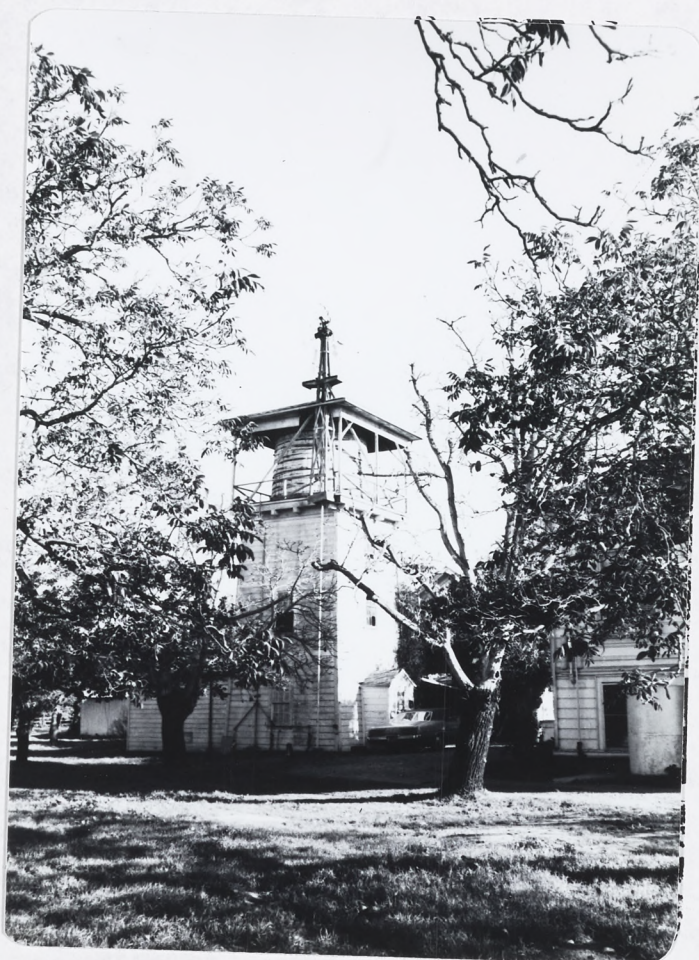
Location 980 Chapel Hill Way, S. J.

Description: This tank house has the tank showing through the scaffolding and a windmill attached to the bottom part of the tank house.

It is on the Wiltz Ranch, owned now by the Richard Bowrens. The cross street is Lucretia Ave., where the Yerba Buena High School is.

A man in the neighborhood wrote to the council about this property when he heard of the project. Also, the Water Color Society has painted pictures of this.

Recorder Phyllis Larsen



Site Number 117 Brochure Number (61) Map Page 19 Grids 22'12d

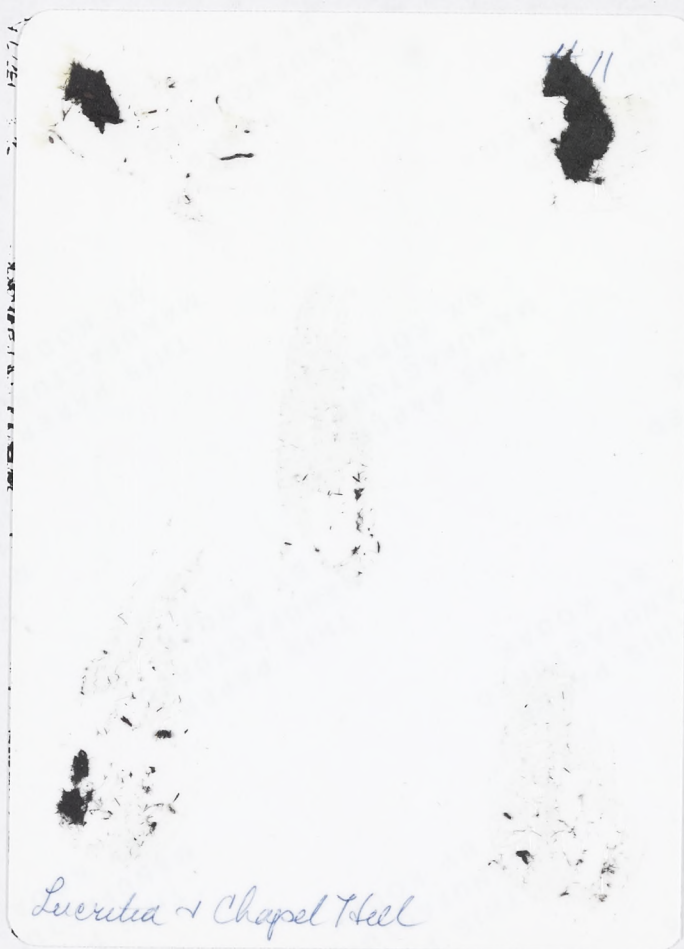
Location 980 Chapel Hill Way, S. J.

Description: This tank house has the tank showing through the scaffolding and a windmill attached to the bottom part of the tank house.

It is on the Wiltz Ranch, owned now by the Richard Bowrens. The cross street is Lucretia Ave., where the Yerba Buena High School is.

A man in the neighborhood wrote to the council about this property when he heard of the project. Also, the Water Color Society has painted pictures of this.

Recorder Phyllis Larsen



Site Number 119 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 14 Grids 20'10

Location behind 474 No. 13th St., S.J. (Empire)

Description:

This tank house has the scaffolding on the outside of the tank. At one time, there appears to have been a windmill above this tank house. Note the nicely designed roof on the tank house.



Site Number 119 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 14 Grids 20'10

Location behind 474 No. 13th St., S.J. (Empire)

Description:

This tank house has the scaffolding on the outside of the tank. At one time, there appears to have been a windmill above this tank house. Note the nicely designed roof on the tank house.



Site Number 118 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 19 Grids 23'12

Location 2790 Fontaine Rd., San Jose

Description: Field tank. This is on the property of Geo. Fontaine.
It is east of 101, so take Tully east to the first
street on the right (Alvin Ave.), and take the next
right turn onto Fontaine Rd.

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Site Number 120 Brochure Number (F) Map Page 19 Grids 20'13

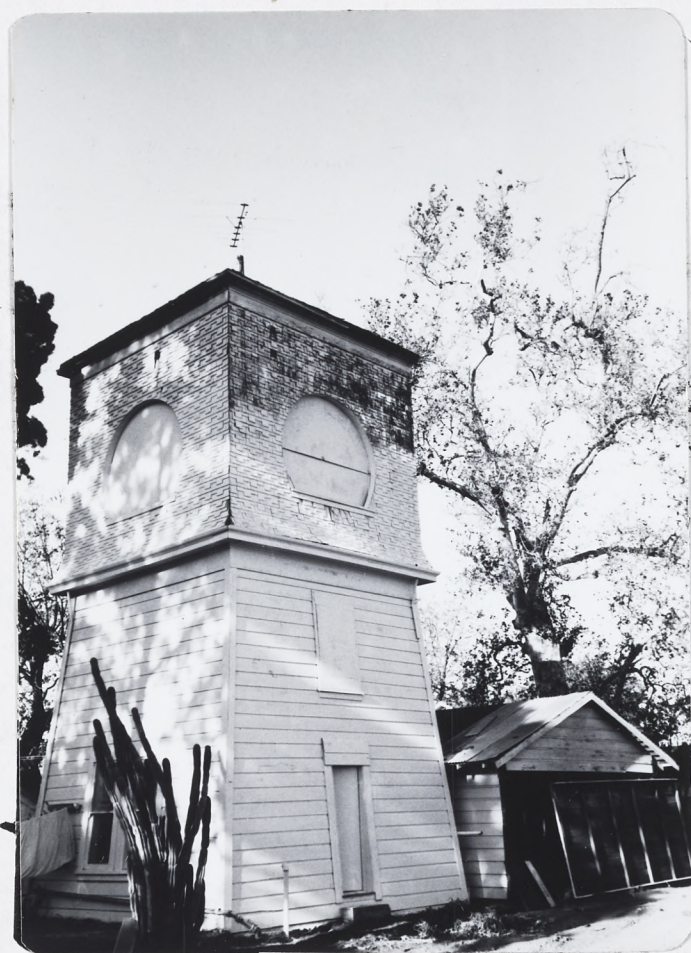
Location 1650 Stone Ave., S.J. (east of Almaden Expressway,
reached by using S.J. Ave.)

Description:

This tank house has very unusual moon windows. These have been boarded up on three sides and painted.

It is a very beautiful and neatly kept tank house with an apartment on the first level.

Recorder Phyllis Larsen & Troop
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Site Number 120 Brochure Number (F) Map Page 19 Grids 20'13

Location 1650 Stone Ave., S.J. (east of Almaden Expressway,
reached by using S.J. Ave.)

Description:

This tank house has very unusual moon windows. These have been boarded up on three sides and painted.

It is a very beautiful and neatly kept tank house with an apartment on the first level.

Recorder Phyllis Larsen & Troop
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Site Number 121 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 19 Grids 20'13

Location end of Villa Stone Dr., S. J. (just west of Almaden Expwy.)
(use San Jose Ave.)

Description:

This large tank house is on the Reitano Trucking Co. property. Note the additions to the tank house in the photos.

Recorder Troop 368



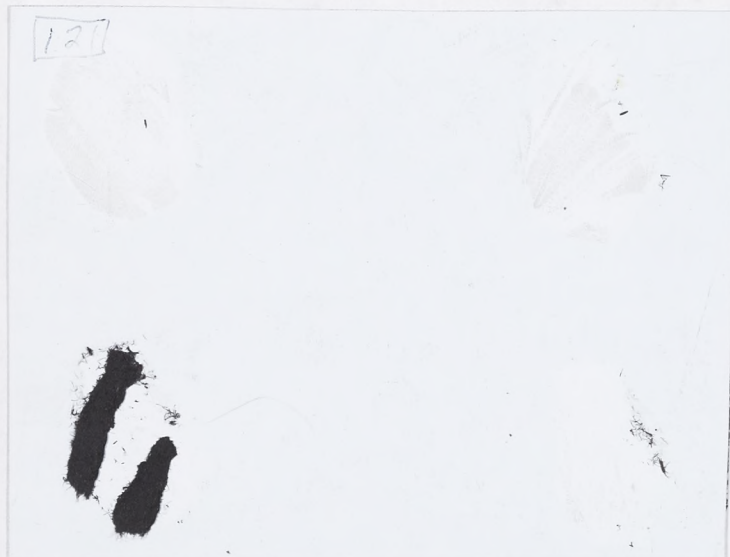
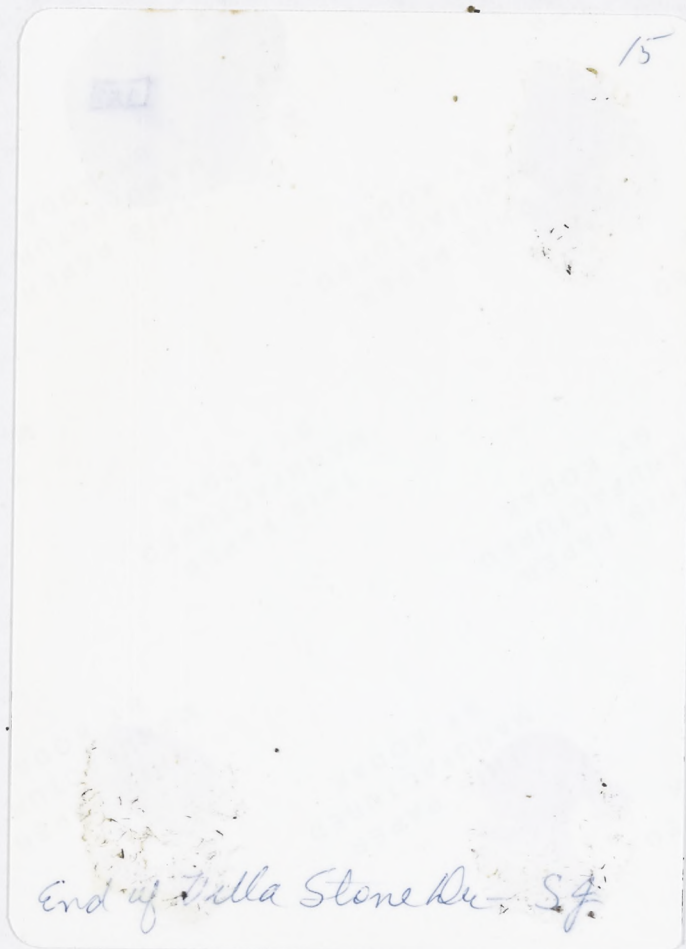
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(use San Jose Ave.)

Description:

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Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 122 Brochure Number 0 Map Page 19 Grids 20'13

Location 1298 Locust St., S.J., near Floyd St.

Description:

This tank house and building is behind the main house above. There doesn't appear to be a tank there anymore. Someone is living in it now.

Recorder Troop 368



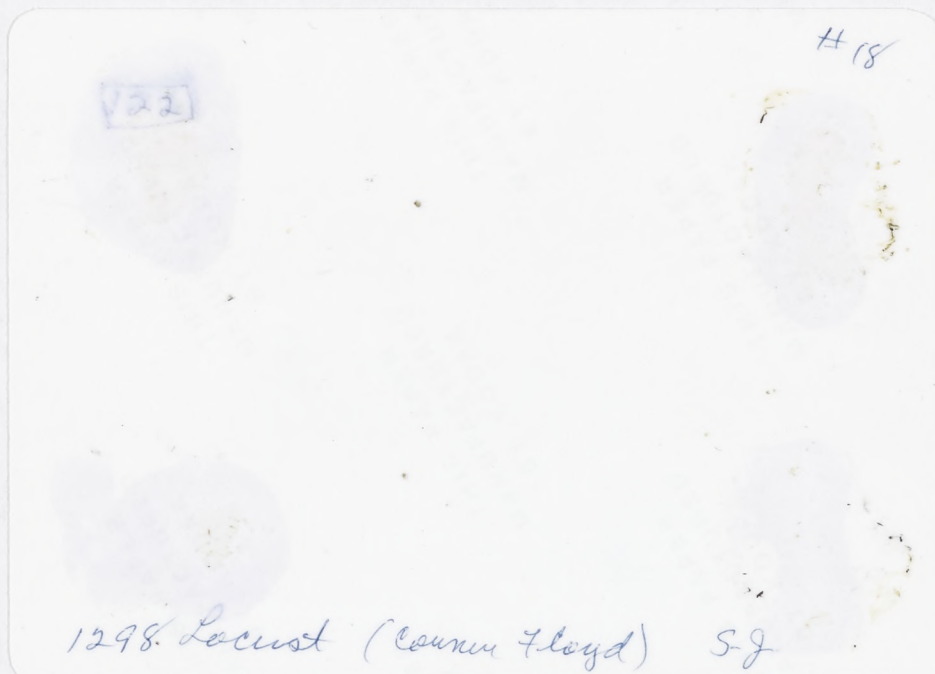
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Location 1298 Locust St., S.J., near Floyd St.

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This tank house and building is behind the main house above. There doesn't appear to be a tank there anymore. Someone is living in it now.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 123 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 14 Grids 21'9

Location no. side of E. Taylor on e. side of U.S. 101, San Jose

Description:

This large tank house apparently used to have a windmill with it. Look for it by the creek.

Recorder Phyllis Larsen



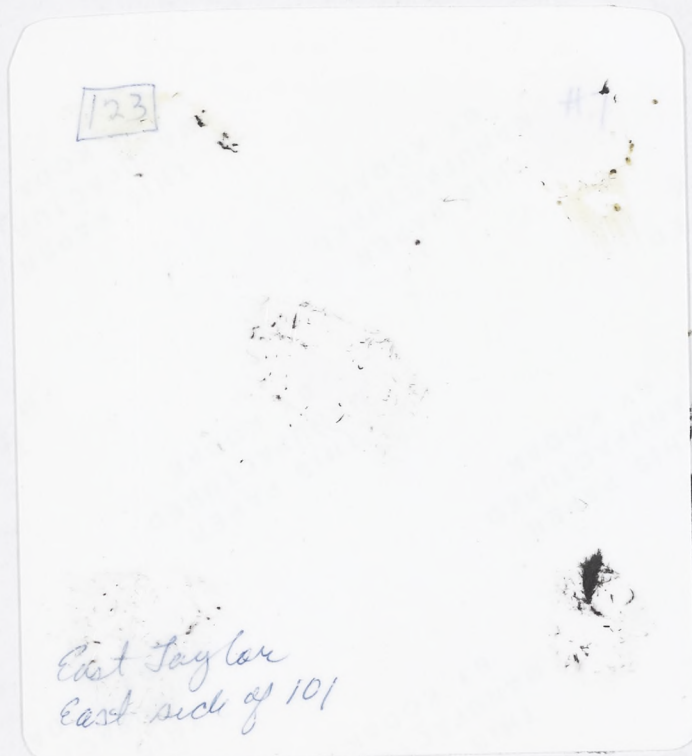
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Recorder Phyllis Larsen



Site Number 124 Brochure Number (29) Map Page 8 Grids 18'5

Location no. side of Mtn. View-Milpitas Rd., betw. Coyote Creek &
Hwy. 17

Description:

This tank house is still in use. Water can be seen leaking out of the round tank. It is a very large tank house as can be seen from the photo.



Site Number 124 Brochure Number (29) Map Page 8 Grids 18'5

Location no. side of Mtn. View-Milpitas Rd., betw. Coyote Creek &
Hwy. 17

Description:

This tank house is still in use. Water can be seen
leaking out of the round tank. It is a very large
tank house as can be seen from the photo.



Site Number 125 Brochure Number (J) Map Page 34 Grids 27'23

Location s. end of Calero Reservoir

Description:

Site Number 125 an "Aeromotor" windmill on
a wooden frame.

Site Number 126 water tower

Both of these are on the Calero Riding Stable
property and both can be seen as you approach
the very large, beautiful home.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 125 Brochure Number (J) Map Page 34 Grids 27'23

Location s. end of Calero Reservoir

Description: Site Number 125 an "Aeromotor" windmill on
a wooden frame.

Site Number 126 water tower

Both of these are on the Calero Riding Stable
property and both can be seen as you approach
the very large, beautiful home.

Recorder _____ Troop 368



Site Number 126 Brochure Number (8) Map Page 34 Grids 27'23

Location s. end of Calero Reservoir

Description:

Site Number 125 an "Aeromotor" windmill on a wooden frame.

Site Number 126 water tower

Both of these are on the Calero Riding Stable property and both can be seen as you approach the very large, beautiful home.

Troop 368



Site Number 126 Brochure Number (96) Map Page 34 Grids 27'23

Location s. end of Calero Reservoir

Description:

Site Number 125 an "Aeromotor" windmill on
a wooden frame.

Site Number 126 water tower

Both of these are on the Calero Riding Stable
property and both can be seen as you approach
the very large, beautiful home.

Troop 368



Site Number 127 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 19 Grids 20'13

Location across field on Little Orchard (which runs parallel to

Description: Stone, betw. S.J. Ave. & Barnard,) S.J.

This water tower can be seen in an agricultural
area at the location above.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 127 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 19 Grids 20'13

Location across field on Little Orchard (which runs parallel to

Description: Stone, betw. S.J. Ave. & Barnard,) S.J.

This water tower can be seen in an agricultural
area at the location above.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 129 Brochure Number (73) Map Page 14 Grids 21'12

Location 1381 Alma, S.J.

Description:

This large tank house can be seen very easily from the road.

The tank is gone, but notice the lattice work on the upper part of the tank house.

Recorder _____ Troop 368



Site Number 129 Brochure Number (73) Map Page 14 Grids 21'12

Location 1381 Alma, S.J.

Description:

This large tank house can be seen very easily from the road.

The tank is gone, but notice the lattice work on the upper part of the tank house.

Recorder _____ Troop 368



Site Number 128 Brochure Number (74) Map Page 19 Grids 20'13

Location Vine & Floyd Sts., S.J.

Description: This tank house was built between 1866 - 1876 (before the present owners obtained the property.

The owners came from Sicily and lived here 50 years.

The windmill, which was also on this property has since been taken down. The barn has been used for horses, cows and chickens and is now used as a storage shed.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 128 Brochure Number (74) Map Page 19 Grids 20'13

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The owners came from Sicily and lived here 50 years.

The windmill, which was also on this property has since been taken down. The barn has been used for horses, cows and chickens and is now used as a storage shed.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 130 Brochure Number (76) Map Page 19 Grids 20'13

Location 1671 Villa Stone Dr., S.J.

Description:

This large tank house is behind the Anderson Stamp Co.

The house there was built in 1900 and so the tank house is approximately the same age.

Previously, it was used for irrigation of the orchard and used last in 1951.

Fruit was stored in the room below because it was cool and now used for storage.

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Site Number 130 Brochure Number (76) Map Page 19 Grids 20'13

Location 1671 Villa Stone Dr.. S.J.

Description:

This large tank house is behind the Anderson Stamp Co.
The house there was built in 1900 and so the tank
house is approximately the same age.

Previously, it was used for irrigation of the orchard
and used last in 1951.

Fruit was stored in the room below because it was cool
and now used for storage.

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Site Number 131 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 19 Grids 20'13

Location 1916 Stone Ave.. (off Almaden Expwy.) S.J.

Description:

The tank house on this property still have the wind-mill frame on it. There is also a beautiful Victorian house and barn here also.

Notice the buckeye trees in front. There are "Keep Out" signs on this property.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 131 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 19 Grids 20'13

Location 1916 StoneAve.. (off Almaden Expwy.) S.J.

Description:

The tank house on this property still have the wind-mill frame on it. There is also a beautiful Victorian house and barn here also.

Notice the buckeye trees in front. There are "Keep Out" signs on this property.

Recorder Troop 368



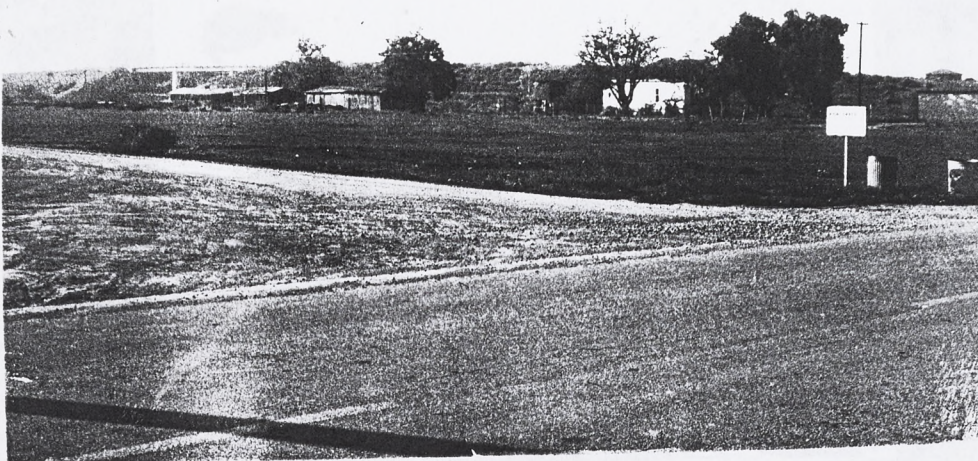
Site Number 132 Brochure Number (75) Map Page 19 Grids 20'13

Location w. side of Stone Ave., near the underpass S.J.

Description:

There is a green tank house here, behind a deserted home.

Recorder Troop 368



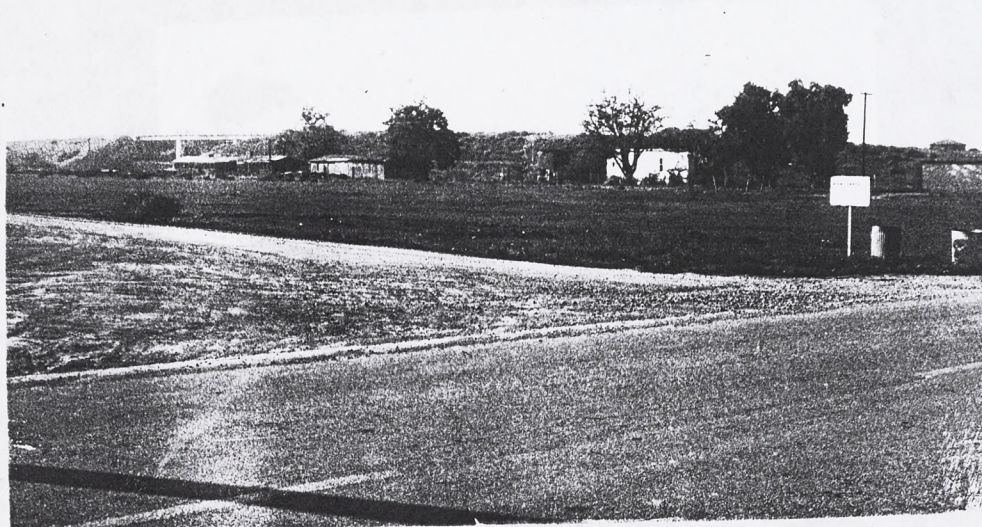
Site Number 132 Brochure Number (75) Map Page 19 Grids 20'13

Location w. side of Stone Ave., near the underpass S.J.

Description:

There is a green tank house here, behind a deserted home.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 133 Brochure Number (97) Map Page 49 Grids 32'31

Location Uvas Rd. (e. side of the road)

Description: A tank house on an old ranch site.

Bridge

Wild
Cherries

Ranch
Resort

Eucalyptus Trees
old home site

Recorder 368



Site Number 133 Brochure Number (97) Map Page 49 Grids 32'31

Location Uvas Rd. (e. side of the road)

Description: A tank house on an old ranch site.

Bridge

Wild
Cherries

Ranch
Resort

Eucalyptus Trees
old home site

Recorder 368



Site Number 134 Brochure Number (84) Map Page 26 Grids 21'19

Location 15900 Almaden Expressway, S.J.

Description:

Mazzone's wooden field tank on the hill in this farm land area.

The original owner - A.P. Suza

See 135 also.

Recorder _____ Troop 368



Site Number 134 Brochure Number (84) Map Page 26 Grids 21'19

Location 15900 Almaden Expressway, S.J.

Description:

Mazzone's wooden field tank on the hill in this farm land area.

The original owner - A.P. Suza

See 135 also.

Recorder _____ Troop 368



Site Number 135 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 26 Grids 21'19

Location 15900 Almaden S.J.

Description:

Mazzoni's water tower is now used for storage.
At one time, they used to sleep in the top of
this tower. It was built approximately 1937.

The water tower now has dogs, cows, chickens and
bamboo plants around it.

See 134 also.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 135 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 26 Grids 21'19

Location 15900 Almaden S.J.

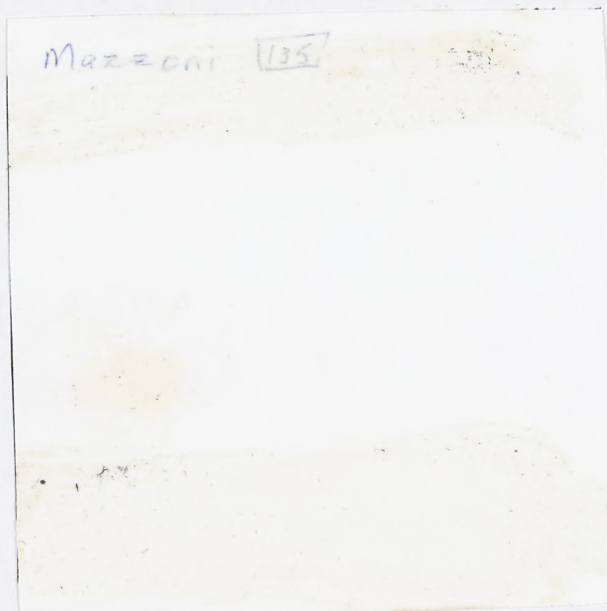
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At one time, they used to sleep in the top of
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The water tower now has dogs, cows, chickens and
bamboo plants around it.

See 134 also.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 136 Brochure Number (91) Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location 2001 Harry Rd.

Description:

J. Palermo's tank house with a garage attached has a grape arbor attached to the front of the tower.

It was built by Mr. Basso approximately 1937. Now used for storage.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 136 Brochure Number (91) Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location 2001 Harry Rd.

Description:

J. Palermo's tank house with a garage attached has a grape arbor attached to the front of the tower.

It was built by Mr. Basso approximately 1937. Now used for storage.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 137 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location 2006 Harry Rd., S.J.

Description:

The property this tank house is on has "No Trespassing" signs around.

The house (or perhaps a barn) has burned.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 137 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location 2006 Harry Rd., S.J.

Description:

The property this tank house is on has "No Trespassing" signs around.

The house (or perhaps a barn) has burned.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 138 Brochure Number (86) Map Page 27 Grids 23'20

Location 19151 Graystone S.J.

Description:

I. H. Pfeiffer's field tank high on the hill.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 138 Brochure Number (86) Map Page 27 Grids 23'20

Location 19151 Graystone S.J.

Description:

I. H. Pfeiffer's field tank high on the hill.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 139 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location approximately 18400 Graystone Lane, on the right side
of the road, San Jose.

Description:

This field tank is opposite a new construction,
way back in the eucalyptus trees in the field -
old buildings.

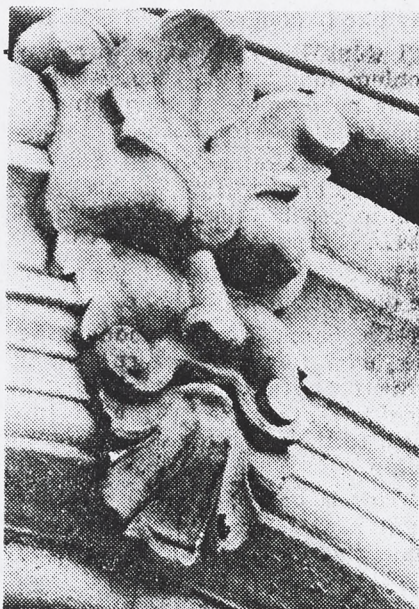
Recorder Troop 368

Site Number 140 Brochure Number (39) Map Page 14 Grids 20'11

Location San Fernando & Market, San Jose

Description:

San Jose Art Museum has a water tank in the tower.



Sandstone gargoyles and other sculpture add their own artistic touch to the building's exterior.



Site Number 141 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 49 Grids 32'31

Location Hecker Pass Rd., just west of Watsonville Rd., on the north
side of the road.

Description:

The tank house here is at the Fortini Winery.

There is a lab upstairs used for testing the wines.
The bottom part is used for storage for garden tools.

It is believed built in the 1890's and is older than
the winery or the house.

Recorder Phyllis Jones



Site Number 142 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 27 Grids 24'19

Location Scenic Vista

Description: "Pratt" green water storage tank.
Across the road is another city storage tank
Vista Const. Co. property

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 142 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 27 Grids 24'19

Location Scenic Vista

Description: "Pratt" green water storage tank.
Across the road is another city storage tank
Vista Const. Co. property

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 143 Brochure Number (93) Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location e. side of Almaden Rd.

Description:

This tank house and pump was built-1932.

The original owner helped build it; still in use.

Troop 368



Site Number 143 Brochure Number (93) Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location e. side of Almaden Rd.

Description:

This tank house and pump was built-1932.

The original owner helped build it; still in use.

Troop 368



Site Number 1447 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location 19250 Almaden Rd.

Description:

A tank house with additions. "Keep Out" sign nearby.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 144 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location 19250 Almaden Rd.

Description:

A tank house with additions. "Keep Out" sign nearby.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 145 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location 19960 Almaden Rd.

Description:

This tank house has been converted into a bedroom and bathroom by the new owner of this horse ranch.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 147 Brochure Number (89) Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location Scaletta Lane and the e. side of Almaden Rd. (Expy).

Description:

Note the tiny windmill on the barn; it runs a little pump to fill the water trough.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 147 Brochure Number (89) Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location Scaletta Lane and the e. side of Almaden Rd. (Expy).

Description:

Note the tiny windmill on the barn; it runs a little pump to fill the water trough.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 146 Brochure Number (88) Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location 19030 Almaden Rd. (Expwy.) north of Scaletta Lane

Description:

This tank house is being remodeled into a home.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 146 Brochure Number (88) Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location 19030 Almaden Rd. (Expwy.) north of Scaletta Lane

Description:

This tank house is being remodeled into a home.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 148 Brochure Number (95) Map Page 34 Grids 24'23

Location Almaden Rd. in New Almaden, east side of the road

Description:

This large tank house was built approximately 1937, by Mr. Black.

The sign on the tank house says "New Almaden Resort". It is owned by Harry Fram, owner of the Almaden Club.

Water was used to fill pools. The tank house is now used as a snack bar.

Person interviewed: Constance Perham, owner of the New Almaden Museum

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 148 Brochure Number (95) Map Page 34 Grids 24'23

Location Almaden Rd. in New Almaden, east side of the road

Description:

This large tank house was built approximately 1937,
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The sign on the tank house says "New Almaden Resort".
It is owned by Harry Fram, owner of the Almaden Club.

Water was used to fill pools. The tank house is now
used as a snack bar.

Person interviewed: Constance Perham, owner of the New
Almaden Museum

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 149 Brochure Number (94) Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location e. side of Almaden Rd., S.J. (opposite Mann Oak Ct.)

Description:

This red and white tank house was built in 1895.

The former owner, Mrs. Margaret Savio, bought this land from the original land grant owners, Santa Teresa Rancho and built the tank on this property. She lives nearby. Now owned by the Bules.

The tank was removed in 1935.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 149 Brochure Number (94) Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location e. side of Almaden Rd., S.J. (opposite Mann Oak Ct.)

Description:

This red and white tank house was built in 1895.

The former owner, Mrs. Margaret Savio, bought this land from the original land grant owners, Santa Teresa Rancho and built the tank on this property. She lives nearby. Now owned by the Bules'

The tank was removed in 1935.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 151 Brochure Number (82) Map Page 26 Grids 21'18

Location e. side of Almaden Expwy. at Coleman, S.J.

Description:

This tank house is now attached to a house.
It is about 50 yrs. old. It is by Hansen's
76 garage - Hansens own the tank. Don't
know when it was built.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 151 Brochure Number (82) Map Page 26 Grids 21'18

Location e. side of Almaden Expwy. at Coleman, S.J.

Description:

This tank house is now attached to a house.
It is about 50 yrs. old. It is by Hansen's
76 garage - Hansens own the tank. Don't
know when it was built.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 150 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 26 Grids 20'7

Location 976 Blossom Hill Rd. (Golfland) S.J.

Description:

Mr. Kinney is the owner of this recreation center, built in 1968, where this beautiful windmill stands. It is fixed up beautifully with the different trees, and bushes and grass.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 150 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 26 Grids 20'7

Location 976 Blossom Hill Rd. (Golfland) S.J.

Description:

Mr. Kinney is the owner of this recreation center, built in 1968, where this beautiful windmill stands. It is fixed up beautifully with the different trees, and bushes and grass.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 152 Brochure Number 81 Map Page 26 Grids 21'17

Location 14450 Almaden Expressway, S.J.

Description:

This tank house has the house built around it;
a fruit stand operates beside it; leased by
farmers. The original owner deceased.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 152 Brochure Number 81 Map Page 26 Grids 21'17

Location 14450 Almaden Expressway, S.J.

Description:

This tank house has the house built around it;
a fruit stand operates beside it; leased by
farmers. The original owner deceased.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 153 Brochure Number (80) Map Page 26 Grids 21'17

Location 14611 Almaden Expressway, S.J. w. side of street, just n.
of Emporium, by Golf Range.

Description:

The original owner of this hugh 1877 tank house was D. Greenwalt. He died in 1881 and had lived on the site 20 years before this house was built; a fine, old Victorian house.

The tank house was used as a laundry room at one time.

The property is now owned by Mr. Giasomazzi.

The steel is used for gardening and farm water, with the house using the city water. There is a lovely garden area here.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 153 Brochure Number (80) Map Page 26 Grids 21'17

Location 14611 Almaden Expressway, S.J. w. side of street, just n.
of Emporium, by Golf Range.

Description:

The original owner of this hugh 1877 tank house was D. Greenwalt. He died in 1881 and had lived on the site 20 years before this house was built; a fine, old Victorian house.

The tank house was used as a laundry room at one time.

The property is now owned by Mr. Giasomazzi.

The steel is used for gardening and farm water, with the house using the city water. There is a lovely garden area here.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 154 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 19 Grids 20'16

Location 14114 Almaden Expwy.. just n. of Branham, e. side of street, S.J.

Description:

This yellow & white small house has a tank house,
with garage attached.

There is also an old tool house nearby, and a very
neat garden.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 154 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 19 Grids 20'16

Location 14114 Almaden Expwy., just n. of Branham, e. side of street, S.J.

Description:

This yellow & white small house has a tank house,
with garage attached.

There is also an old tool house nearby, and a very
neat garden.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 155 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location 20202 Harry, San Jose

Description:

At the Castillo Ranch, there is a short windmill in the middle of the field.

Recorder_____

Site Number 156 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 19 Grids 20'13

Location 1748 Old Almaden, e. side of road, opposite Joe Tesa's bodyshop
Description: & Richies Auto Repair

This tank is on a frame, is leaky, but still in use.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 156 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 19 Grids 20'13

Location 1748 Old Almaden, e. side of road, opposite Joe Tesa's bodyshop
Description: & Richies Auto Repair

This tank is on a frame, is leaky, but still in use.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 157 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 19 Grids 20'13

Location Stone Ave. off Old Almaden Road, S.J.

Description:

This large tank house belongs to Peter Arguiler.
Presently used for storage.

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Site Number 157 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 19 Grids 20'13

Location Stone Ave. off Old Almaden Road, S.J.

Description:

This large tank house belongs to Peter Arguiler.

Presently used for storage.

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Site Number 158 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location 19371 Almaden Rd., S.J.

Description:

This large tank house is just south of Grimley Lane but on the east side of the expressway.

It is painted a bright yellow color.

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 159 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location 19191 Almaden Rd., S.J.

Description:

This tank house is north of Barnes Lane at the above address.

There is a shack by it, with stairs in back, next to the brown barn,

Recorder Troop 368



Site Number 159 Brochure Number ○ Map Page 34 Grids 23'21

Location 19191 Almaden Rd., S.J.

Description:

This tank house is north of Barnes Lane at the above address.

There is a shack by it, with stairs in back, next to the brown barn,

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